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REPLY BRIEF

Sir:

This Reply Brief is submitted in response to the Examiner's Answer of July 1, 2005. This Reply Brief will rebut issues raised in the Examiner's Answer, but not addressed in the Final Rejection.

"Newly added claim limitations"

The first full paragraph on page 4 of the Answer refers to and quotes from a "newly added claim limitation". The Board should understand that there are no "newly added" claim limitations. The claims on appeal are the same claims that existed when the Examiner issued the Final Rejection. The "newly added" whereby clause quoted in the first full paragraph on page 4 of the Answer actually was added in an Amendment filed on March 10, 2004 based on a recommendation made by Primary Examiner Willse

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